

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

a failure. All the European nations recognized the trade-  
with Anrnm, but the mandarins<sup>1</sup> exactions, the  
people's  
lack of power, the incessant local warfare, and  
the destruc-  
tive of all the European traders there  
contributed to  
it an unprofitable and hazardous venture.  
India, China, and  
Jfm a far greater reward in proportion to  
the obstacles

The came to Indo-China long after the Dutch  
and Portu-  
At first only missionaries were sent there who  
worked on the  
bid by the Portuguese and Italian Jesuits, who came  
there  
after they were expelled from Japan. These Jesuits  
had founded in  
1608 « at Fai~fo<sub>5</sub> and later spread to Tonkin,  
whence they were  
cot twenty years kter by Emperor Trinh Trang.  
Among those  
ms the famous P&re Alexandra de Rhodes, the first  
Franco-  
and creator of the country's native clergy. His subse-  
to win the Pope's consent to naming special  
bishops  
for was foiled by the machinations of the  
Portuguese, who were  
of their evangelical monopoly as of their commercial  
control.  
la 1658, however^ the Pope's consent was finally  
obtained : one of his  
WM Francois Pallu, who later became one of the most  
famous  
of AmmxL That same year at Paris was founded the  
Societe  
J& which. was to send forth numerous  
missionaries

emperors were no religious fanatics, but they were  
to TOMgime m the missionary a precursor of  
European  
Commerce and missions with both the French  
•ftd tie went band in hand, in spite of  
Papal Bulls for-  
to indulge in trade. One English captain reported

ft was in charge of his country's trading post  
in met thoughtfully denounced to the native  
tbe of its European rivals. The native govern-  
was weU aware of the dual role of merchants and  
•ad **ttajr** cucfu% searched aU commercial  
ships entering  
for lie mfebmi<sup>i</sup> wfao were usually hidden on

EM\* Gxfipoar had for years been  
interested in  
with himself tried to get a foothold there by  
**ft\*** .afitbf<sup>i</sup>Bhed in the country. But the  
hfe<sup>^</sup>gporai Ms advice, and despatched

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